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In re application of: Larry F. Reber

Application No.: 10/762,184

Group No.: 1724

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For: SUBMERGED WATER INLET STRAINER FOR A WATER HOSE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEP.	3	- 3	= 0	x \$ 43.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00	

No additional fee for claims is required.

### FEE DEFICIENCY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is filed prior to the mailing of a first action on the merits and no extension fee is believed to be due. No fees are believed to be due for excess claims, as there are fewer than 3 independent and 20 total claims after claim amendments. Please charge Deposit Account 15-0450 for any fee deficiency.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.